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Mr. Michael Morell

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Dear Mr. Morell: Michael

The Publications Review Board, in coordination with DoD, DoS, and NSC, has completed its review of your book entitled *The Great War of Our Time: An Insider's Account of the CIA's Fight Against al Qa'ida*. In accordance with the terms of your secrecy agreement, the Board has determined that the following information in your manuscript is inappropriate for disclosure in the public domain (i.e., is considered to be classified information) and must be revised or deleted prior to publication. This information can be found on the following pages:

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